

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR REGULATING RATE OF
EXECUTION OF SOFTWARE EXECUTION UNITS

Abstract of the Disclosure

Regulating the execution of software execution units to manage the performance
5 impact of administrative utilities is disclosed. Administrative utilities (e.g., filesystem
and database backups, garbage collection in the Java Virtual Machines, etc.) are an
essential part of the operation of production systems. Performance impact is managed
through the use of throttling, either external or internal, which forces utilities to slow
down their processing by a configurable amount. While a variety of criteria may be used
10 for throttling, a self-induced sleep is preferred for internal throttling.